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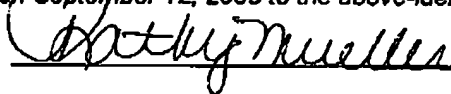
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Application No. : 10/764,849
 Applicant(s) : Joerg Mueller *et al.*
 Filed : January 26, 2004
 Title : Change Aids for External Articles
 TC/A.U. : 3761
 Examiner : Michael G. Bogart
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

In response to the Office Action mailed on 16 June 2005, further examination and reconsideration is hereby respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.

An amendment to the description begins on page 2 of this paper.

An amendment to the claims begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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Reply dated 12 September 2005
Responsive to Office Action mailed 16 June 2005

AMENDMENT TO THE DESCRIPTION

Please replace the paragraph bridging from page 25 onto page 26 of the specification as originally filed with the following rewritten paragraph:

In Figure 3a, a change aid in the form of a rectangular, rigid cardboard device (400) is shown. It is a little wider than the width of an average diaper (130; the width being from the distance from one end of a fastening tape to the other end of a fastening tape of the diaper, being the distance or length y in figure 3a) 3b), and a little longer than the length of an average diaper (130). The cardboard device comprises 4 rectangular engaging members (120, 121, 122, 123), as in figures 1a and 1b, except that the length from rectangle 120 to 122 is preferably about 45cm. The diaper (130) is engaged and disengaged as described above under figures 1a and 1b, and as can be seen in figure 3b.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 27 at line 24 of the specification as originally filed with the following rewritten paragraph:

Then, the parts (510, 520) of the change device (500) are rotated as described above, to the planar, full length position/ then the diaper (130) can be flattened or stretched and engaged with the remaining strip 530. Then the change aid (500) and the diaper (130) are in stretched or flat position, and the baby can be packed on top of the diaper 9130) (130). Then, the diaper (130) can be partially disengaged from the change device (500), typically by disengaging strip 530, and the diaper (130) can be attached to the baby, for example by fastening the fastening tapes of the diaper (130) around the waist of the baby. Then the remaining part of the diaper (130) can be disengaged from the change device (500), typically by disengaging the strips 531 and 532. The change device (500) can then be rotated back into its original position (e.g. where by the two part (510, 520) are on top of each other, overlapping each other) and it can be re-used or dispensed of.